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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN NICARAGUA; COSTA RICAN PRESS COVERAGE

SUMMARY: SAN JOSE UN HQTRS OCCUPIED TO CALL ATTENTION TO
SITUATION IN NICARAGUA. LOCAL GROUP ORGANIZING ECONOMIC/
FINANCIAL SUPPORT CAMPAIGN FOR NICARAGUAN STRIKERS. TODMAN
STOPOVER IN MANAGUA NOTED. MANAGUA ARCHBISHOP INTERVIEWED
AND DECLARED "THE PEOPLE MUST BE HEARD". END SUMMARY

1. FOUR NICARAGUANS AND A COSTA RICAN OCCUPIED LOCAL UN
OFFICES AND BEGAN "24 HOUR HUNGER STRIKE" 31 JANUARY. THEIR
STATED OBJECTIVE: TO CALL WORLD ATTENTION TO THE STRUGGLE
AGAINST SOMOZA IN NICARAGUA AND TO SUPPORT THE
CURRENT GENERAL STRIKE THERE. LOCAL PRESS IDENTIFIES THE
NICARAGUANS AS MEMBERS OF THE "NICARAGUAN ASSOCIATION IN
COSTA RICA. THE COSTA RICAN IS SAID TO BE A MEMBER
OF A "MILITANT LEFTIST ORGANIZATION". THEY HAVE ALSO
DEMANDED RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, AN ACCOUNTING
FOR 250 CAMPESINOS AND AN END TO THE ABROGATION OF
THE NICARAGUAN RADIO AND TELEVISION CODE. ADDITIONALLY,
THEY REQUESTED INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO INVESTI-
GATE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AND CHAMORRO'S ASSASSINATION,
AND TO SAFEGUARD HUMAN RIGHTS OF DISSIDENTS.
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2. IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT "COSTA RICAN SOLIDARITY
COMMITTEE WITH THE NICARAGUAN PEOPLE" HAS SOLICITED
ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR THOSE WORKING FOR SOMOZA'S OVER-
THROW. ESPECIALLY URGENT ACCORDING TO THE COMMITTEE'S
COMMUNIQUE IS MATERIAL AND MONETARY ASSISTANCE,
I.E., FOOD, MEDICINES, FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN GENERAL

STRIKE. DELIVERY SITES FOR GOODS BEING CONTRIBUTED ARE GIVEN--HEADQUARTERS OF LOCAL LEFTIST POLITICAL PARTIES.

3. LOCAL PRESS ALSO BRIEFLY REPORT ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN'S TRANSITING OF MANAGUA ON RETURN TO WASHINGTON. IT IS REPORTED THAT TODMAN DID NOT MEET WITH MEMBERS OF THE SOMOZA GOVERNMENT BUT VISITED US EMBASSY.

4. IN AN INTERVIEW WITH LA NACION CORRESPONDENT, MONS. MIGUEL OBANDO Y BRAVO, ARCHBISHOP OF MANAGUA, DECLARED THAT THE GON SHOULD LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE AND THAT POWER SHOULD BE USED BY THE GOVERNMENT FOR THE WELL BEING OF THE COMMUNITY. TO DO THE OPPOSITE HE INDICATED, IS SINFUL, AS IS LIMITING FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.

5. TEXT OF COMMUNIQUE AND OBANDO Y BRAVO INTERVIEW BEING POUCHED TO DEPT. AND EMBASSY MANAGUA. WEISSMAN

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